

RICHARD (DICK) BERRY – personal profile

I was at old Harlow College in late 50's early 60's leaving in 1962 although only in 2A at the time to join my parents in East Africa. I was in Beatty and did some 4+ years. My younger brother Andy Berry was there for a year or so before we moved to the colonies!

In the 1970's I travelled overland to Australia where I have been living ever since the mid 70's. Married and had a family here. Very much an Aussie now. I did return for holidays and went to look at the old school once only to find it obliterated and replaced by housing. Very sad.

Really wanted to see the old quad, the roundabout drive, the gothic main building, fives court and tectam(?) I still have school and house photos, however many of the names of both teachers - K L Dames, Purgavy, Harvey, Spud Murphy, Sister??, Matron??, Miss Douglas, Miss Stanley, Chewy and the infamous Bailey- and students of my era are somewhat dimmed.

What about the boiler suits?? Freezing dorms, cross country runs, the weekly bath, sneaking out of bounds to the shops, Sunday ritual cinema or swimming pool visits & attempting to chat up the girls on the council estate, the air-raid shelter???

A casual Google revealed you and the website and the dinner invite of this year and notice for 2017! Hence me penning this.

My recollection of students of the time much eroded. Some names ... Ellis, Bellingham were prefects together with some in or around my year.... David Christian, Peter Smith- my closest friends of that time, others were Robert Simpkins, Chris Lockwood. I am trying to remember names from the class roll call, Arthurs, Moore, Humphries,

Inskip, Peacock, Calvin... Spring 'in slo- mo' to mind!!!
Might dig out the photos and maybe jog a few more cells